

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Yankee Air Museum and Michigan Freedom Center Launch 2020 MI Freedom Tour!

2020 is the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Victory in World War II. Michigan played a vital role in this victory. Not only did over 600,000 Michigan residents serve in World War II, the entire state of Michigan played a critical role in our victory as the Arsenal of Democracy. To commemorate the preservation of our freedom through the sacrifices of the people of Michigan, the MI Freedom Center and the Yankee Air Museum are teaming up to launch the Michigan Freedom Tour! The Michigan Freedom Tour will give veterans across Michigan a special opportunity to fly aboard one of the Yankee Air Museum's vintage WWII aircraft – the Yankee Lady (B-17 Flying Fortress), the Yankee Warrior (B-25 Mitchell), or Hairless Joe (C-47).







## Flights are set to launch from a total of 9 sites across Michigan:

- 1. May 14: Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti/Canton Willow Run Airport (B-17)
- 2. June24: Detroit/Grosse Pointe Coleman Young Municipal Airport (B-25)
- 3. July 1: Midland/Bay City/Saginaw MBS International Airport (B-17)
- 4. July 15: Escanaba Delta County Airport (B-25 or C-47)
- 5. July 16: Iron Mountain Ford Airport (B-25 or C-47)
- 6. July 18: Muskegon Muskegon County Airport (B-17)
- 7. August 6: Pontiac/Clarkston Oakland County International Airport (C-47)
- 8. August 14: Grayling/Traverse City Cherry Capital Airport (B-25)
- 9. September 2: Grand Rapids/Grandville Kent County Airport (C-47, B-17, & B-25))

If you love freedom and wish to give the World War II generation a final "Thank You", you'll love the sights and sounds unique to these classic aircraft and the history they represent.

To learn more about how you can give a veteran that you love the opportunity to fly for free on one of these amazing aircraft, please call (313)744-7507 or email us at <a href="mailto:Freedom@MIFreedomCenter.org">Freedom@MIFreedomCenter.org</a>. If you would like to help make these flights available for as many veterans as possible, please call or email us to let us know you are interested in sponsoring one or more veteran flights.

The Michigan Freedom Tour is a great opportunity for our entire state to say "Thank You" to all who have served to keep us free!